

some Lord. There is food for thought in observing the practice of people in this respect. Christ's disciples most frequently used the word by which his first followers addressed him—"Master." It was ever on their lips. They seemed to choose it from among all titles, for it was full of meaning. It meant teacher, lord, and guide. But most of all, it meant that Jesus was Master to them—that they were his followers, learners, disciples, and that he was to govern their lives. What a world of affection, devotion, and reverence is wrapped up in that one word, "Master!"

3. *The next best thing to finding Jesus ourselves is to help some one else to find him.*

Probably Peter was grateful all his life to Andrew for having brought him to Jesus. It was a priceless service that Andrew did his brother. On almost every occasion that Andrew is mentioned in the Bible it is in connection with bringing some one to the Master. He seems to have been a man with no large talent except this talent for personal work. He could not do much for men himself, but he could lead them to Jesus, who was able to do everything for them.

4. *Even a feeble Christian may help save a mighty saint.*

It is honor enough for Andrew that he found Peter. Consider what he did for the world and the church when he led his brother to the new found Messiah. The great apostle, who was such a power in the early church, and whose words and example have been such a comfort to Christians of all ages since, was won by a one-talent man. Perhaps it may be the fortune of one of us to lead another Peter to the Savior. At least we should not neglect any opportunity to win even the least promising, for we cannot read the future.

5. *There should be no mixed motives in following Christ.*

"What seek ye?" demanded Christ of his new followers. He always asks that of all who would come after him. For he desires the friendship only of those who seek him for himself, and not for honor or riches or gain or safety. What is our motive in joining the church? Is it sincere love for the Savior? Then be sure that the heartiest welcome awaits us to the inner circle of discipleship and fellowship.

6. *The invitation to follow Christ is a reasonable one.*

Experience proves. We test everything by experiment. Even Christ offers himself for this testing. His response to every inquiring one is, "Come and see." He himself, as well as his gospel, can stand the most thorough examination. We can only know the thorough trustworthiness of Christ by testing him. For centuries the world has been proving Christ, and the verdict is that he is more than heart could desire or mind imagine.

7. *Being Christ's disciple insures getting a new name and character.*

Simon got a new name when he began to follow Christ, and in his discipleship he acquired a new character to conform to it. Once he was only Simon, Jonas' son; now he was Peter, the Rock. Jesus makes all things new. When we come to him we get a new name and a new life among men. He makes over the old, unworthy nature into a thing of strength and beauty.

8. *To follow Jesus is to find fullest life.*

Little did the men who eagerly hastened to become followers of the new Teacher realize what they were undertaking. Before them stretched hardship, rejection, persecution, and martyrdom, with usefulness such as has been given to few men. When Jesus says, "Follow me," he calls us into a new and unknown life, but it is a life grander in possibilities than anything we could imagine for ourselves. If it has hardships, they are the hardships of true men in a noble service, and they are made easy by the sympathy of our Leader. Above all difficulties, moreover, are delights unspeakable and unending.

#### Terse Teachings

They who follow, find.

It is gain to forsake everything for Jesus. Transformation is the sequence of conversion.

Jesus calls us to himself and from our old life.

To come to Christ is to come away from selfishness. If we would be disciples we must submit to discipline.

Following Christ is easiest when we keep close to him.

God has great work for all who will submit fully to him.

We are most welcome at Christ's side when we bring a brother.

The called are commissioned; the saved, sent. Every convert becomes a missionary.

#### What to do With Them

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There are eleven million neglected children in this country. These multitudes will grow up to be men and women, and become either good or bad citizens. Without training of these destitute children in the Sunday school and the distribution of religious literature in their homes, we shall look with alarm upon this dangerous factor in our national life. As patriots as well as Christians it is our duty to give these children schools and places of worship, and to teach them God's Word so that the elements of morality, integrity, and religion may enter into their character. The children of the present will become the citizens of the future. Who does not see the opportunity and value of home missionary work?

### Church News

#### Hudson, Iowa

It might interest some to know how the Lord's work at Hudson, Iowa is prospering so I send this communication. We certainly have been greatly prospered the past year. On last April at our annual business

meeting the question of repairing the old church came up and a committee was appointed to ascertain cost of same. After a canvas of the situation and careful estimate of the actual needs of the work they concluded to get plans and specifications and build a new church which was done. By working in the material of the old church and converting expenses in every way the committee delivered to the church on Nov. 26, 1899, a \$3500 house of worship free of debt. The committee who did this work is composed of brother Web Shank as chairman and associated with him was brothers Samuel Gillin, Harlin Hollis, Paul Strayer and Joseph Slusher and back of these stood the united church with an excellent Sister's Society and a faithful C. E. Society, each doing their best to make the work a success. That you might know more in detail as to the building, the main audience room is 28 by 42 with a seating capacity of 300, and a lecture room 20 by 28 which seats about 100, and adjoining this is a study or library room 9 by 10 and a belfry 12 by 12 used also as a vestibule to church. A basement under the entire lecture room for furnace and class rooms. Have baptistry in lecture room and by a unique arrangement of coil in furnace can raise temperature of water to that of body in a few minutes. The sister's society made the church a present of some fine pulpit furniture besides an excellent \$300 dollar organ for which the church is very grateful. The lighting is done by gasoline lamps which are very satisfactory.

A word as to how it was done: Voluntary subscriptions were freely made. People cheerfully give money when they know it is judiciously expended, and for a worthy purpose. The sister's society published a cook book that gave value received, and they realized some money from it. By the way, if any husband wishes to improve on his wife's cooking, or any young wife fearful she is not preparing fine dishes enough for her companion, send 25 cents to sister Mary Deitz of Hudson, Iowa, for one of their cook books you will learn how to prepare dishes fine enough for a king. Its a sure cure for discontentment at the table and will permanently relieve references to mothers way of cooking. Try it.

On Nov. 26, 1899, we dedicated the church and had brother I. D. Bowman of Philadelphia, Pa., with us who continued the meetings for four weeks, and as a result of the Lord's blessing upon the work and the faithful ministrations of Brother Bowman we had 19 accessions to the church and a general quickening of the spiritual lives of the members of the church.

We organized our Sunday-school with brother Harlan Hollis as superintendent and about 80 scholars; C. E. society with brother John Shultz president and 30 members; also Junior C. E. with brother Lewis Strayer president, and a charter membership of 22. The work in general is in excellent condition and certainly will be blessed of God for great good to the community.